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may cost \$2 million. And I hope that we, as a body, can inform our representatives from this state that we're sick and tired of some of the restrictions and responsibilities that come upon a state by the federal government anytime that they have these funds. Certainly Medicaid, Medicare are the issues that I'm talking about in this case. Getting back to LR 29, this resolution was signed by both Wickersham and Wehrbein. It is an important piece of legislation and the amendment, now signed by Jensen and Chambers, I would hope that you would adopt and that we could get this resolution back to Washington. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Would you like to open on the amendment? (AM0823 is found on page 1039 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR JENSEN: I'll just mention that the amendment, like I said, was agreed to by Senator Chambers and I appreciate his...his work on this issue. I think it does clear up a lot of the "whereas" statements that are in there and more directly speaks to the issue. With that, I will...that will be the opening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Before we proceed with further discussion, Senator Wickersham would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature: Dr. Bill Agnew from Chadron State College, Mark Moran from Scottsbluff, Sally Jourdan from Hay Springs, and Ce Merriyan from Western Nebraska Community College. They're seated under the south balcony. If you'd rise, we'd like to recognize you and welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. In addition, all senators would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature: Future Leaders Conference from all over the state. They're seated in the south and in the north balcony. If all of those...if all of you that are involved in that particular conference would like to rise, we'd certainly like to recognize and welcome you also to the Nebraska Legislature. For discussion on AM0823 to LR 29, Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to say that it was a pleasure working with Senator Jensen